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1. fortification projects
 - a. Trenches and machine-gun posts around Krumovgrad.
 - b. Trenches and machine-gun posts at Avren, RG 2408, Tokazio (sic), RG 4622 and Golyama Kamenyana (sic), RG 2314.
 - c. Machine-gun posts only north of the villages at Zhelezino and Demir-Kioi (sic), RG 2421.
2. The above projects are being constructed by an infantry battalion.* Explosions are heard daily. Cement is being used.
3. At Slashten, QK 8433, a small unit is constructing trenches.
4. At Koprivlen, QK 6737, strong fortifications, the nature of which is not known, were constructed. Civilians are forbidden to approach the area.
5. Fortification materials (barbed wire, wood, iron stakes) have been transferred to the village of Godashevo, QK 8730.
6. Southwest of Haskovo a temporary airfield is being constructed at the former football field. At the four corners of this field (200 by 800 meters), heavy cement anti-aircraft artillery posts are being installed.
7. There are ten single-motored airplanes at the Malevo airfield, RG 2067.
8. In the barracks located at the western end of Haskovo there are about 1000 men of the Svetkavitsa (Lightning) unit. All of them carry Soviet automatics and wear green uniforms and blue caps.

* Comment: [redacted] possibly refers to Trudovak labor battalions.

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